GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1400
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2003
VISIT OF BANGLADESH FOREIGN MINISTER
CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA;KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU;RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA;SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh had visited India recently;

(b) if so, the details of deliberations held with the Indian Government;

(c) whether the Government of Bangladesh lodged a protest against deportation of Bangladeshis through its Western Border from West Bengal during this visit; and

(d) if so, the response of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes.

(b) to (d) Detailed discussions were held with the Bangladesh Foreign Minister during his recent visit to India on all issues of mutual concern. On the presence of Indian insurgent groups in Bangladesh and on the activities of ISI in Bangladesh, the Foreign Minister reiterated the assurance of Government of Bangladesh that it would notallow its territory to be used for anti-Indian activities. On the issue of illegal immigration from Bangladesh into India, both sides agreed to take necessary steps to control and prevent illegal immigration.